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U.S. patents cited for which copies are not provided were cited in parent applications 09/553,234, 09/418,752, and 09/304,051, which are relied on for an earlier effective filing date. Accordingly, the Applicant is not required to provide copies. 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1).

A substantial number of the foreign references copies of which are provided herewith were also cited in parent applications 09/553,234, 09/418,752, and 09/304,051, and it is noted that under 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1), the Applicant is not required to provide copies. Nevertheless, copies of these foreign references are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Other references, both U.S. patents, foreign patents and other information, copies of which are provided herewith, were cited in related U.S. or foreign applications. Accordingly, copies of the associated foreign search reports and forms 1449 are further provided herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).


Copies of related co-pending applications have not been provided as these are available via the Office IFW system.

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